WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image taking apparatus having a multiplex image taking mode for taking a plurality of images to be subjected to multiplex image processing by which a plurality of images are composed into a single image, the image taking apparatus, comprising:

a detector which detects abnormality disturbing said multiplex image processing when said plurality of images are being taken in said multiplex image taking mode; and

a controller which suspends processing in said multiplex image taking mode when said abnormality is detected by said detector.

2. An image taking apparatus having a multiplex image taking mode for taking a plurality of images to be subjected to multiplex image processing by which a plurality of images are composed into a single image, the image taking apparatus, comprising:

a detector which detects whether or not abnormality disturbing said multiplex image processing resides in said plurality of images taken in said multiplex image taking mode; and

a controller which suspends processing in said multiplex image taking mode when said abnormality is detected by said detector.

3. An image taking apparatus having a multiplex image taking mode for taking a plurality of images to be subjected to multiplex image processing by which a plurality of images are composed into a single image, the image taking apparatus, comprising:

a detector which detects abnormality disturbing said multiplex image processing when said plurality of images are being taken in said multiplex image taking mode; and

a display which indicates that a multiplex image taking is unsuccessful when said abnormality is detected by said detector.

4. An image taking apparatus having a multiplex image taking mode for taking a plurality of images to be subjected to multiplex image processing by which a plurality of images are composed into a single image, the image taking apparatus, comprising:

a detector which detects whether or not abnormality disturbing said multiplex image processing resides in said plurality of images taken in said multiplex image taking mode; and

a display which indicates that a multiplex image taking is unsuccessful when said abnormality is detected by said detector.

5. An image taking method, comprising:

detecting abnormality disturbing multiplex image processing when a plurality of images are being taken, wherein said plurality of images are subjected to said multiplex image

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processing to be composed into a single image; and

suspending processing in said multiplex image taking mode when said abnormality is detected.

6.   An image taking method, comprising:

detecting abnormality residing in a plurality of images taken by a multiplex image taking, wherein said abnormality disturbs multiplex image processing of said plurality of images by which said plurality of images are composed into a single image; and

suspending processing in said multiplex image taking mode when said abnormality is detected.

7.   An image taking apparatus having a multiplex image taking mode for taking a plurality of images to be subjected to multiplex image processing by which a plurality of images are composed into a single image, the image taking apparatus, comprising:

a display which indicates that images are being taken in said multiplex image taking mode.

8. A camera, comprising:

a selector which selects a first mode for taking a single image or a second mode for taking a plurality of images to be composed into a single image; and

a display which indicates said first mode or said second mode.

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9. The camera as recited in claim 8, wherein said display indicates said second mode so that a user can recognize said second mode.

10. The camera as recited in claim 8, further comprising a monitor for displaying an image to be taken, wherein said display is disposed at a location where a user can recognize said display together with said monitor.

11. The camera as recited in claim 8, further comprising a detector for detecting whether or not there is abnormality disturbing said composing when images are being taken in said second mode.

12. The camera as recited in claim 11, further comprising a controller which suspends processing in said second mode when said abnormality is detected by said detector.

13. A camera, comprising:

a selector which selects a specific mode for taking a plurality of images to be composed into a single image among a plurality of image taking modes;

a detector for detecting whether or not there is abnormality disturbing said composing when said plurality of images are being taken in said specific mode; and

a controller which suspends processing in said specific mode when said abnormality is detected by said detector.

14. A camera, comprising:

a selector which selects a specific mode for taking a plurality of images to be composed into a single image among a plurality of image taking modes;

a detector which detects whether or not abnormality disturbing said composing resides in said plurality of images taken in said specific mode; and

a controller which suspends processing in said specific mode when said abnormality is detected by said detector.

15. A camera, comprising:

a selector which selects a specific mode for taking a plurality of image to be composed into a single image among a plurality of image taking modes;

a detector for detecting whether or not there is abnormality disturbing said composing when said plurality of images are being taken in said specific mode; and

a display which indicates that said image taking in said specific mode is unsuccessful when said abnormality is detected by said detector.

16. A camera, comprising:

a selector which selects a specific mode for taking a plurality of images to be composed into a single image among a plurality of image taking modes;

a detector which detects whether or not abnormality disturbing said composing resides in said plurality of images

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taken in said specific mode; and

a display which indicates that said image taking in said specific mode is unsuccessful when said abnormality is detected by said detector.